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FROM NORTH CAROLINA.

Highly Important News—Gen. Sherman on his Way to Fortress Monroe—Jeff. Davis Reported Negotiating for Peace—North Carolina Ready to Submit—Raleigh to be Surrendered—Condition of Sherman's Army.

MONROE'S CROSS ROADS, N. C., March 28.—The member of the North Carolina Legislature from Onslow county, Mr. Grady, has just reached us, he came from Raleigh, for the purpose of taking the oath of allegiance to the United States. He says Johnston's forces, all told, will not number more than one half of Sherman's army, and that the desertions from the army of Tennessee will not outnumber the total armies of Sherman and Schofield.

He also states that the present Legislature of this State openly admit there is no practical hope for the Confederacy to succeed, and that they have not under serious auspices for the last time. He thinks if Johnston makes a stand it will be at Smithville, six miles southeast of Raleigh, at this place, Gough's dome not cover Raleigh, is a position of great natural strength.

The people from all sections of North Carolina were bringing a great pressure to bear upon the State authorities in favor of immediate submission and return to the Union, which a majority of the Legislature assent to. If Governor Vance can be induced over, who they mention a disposition to yield, Raleigh is to be surrendered by him to Sherman with this understanding. Mr. Grady's visit to the Legislature and people has resulted in a strong sentiment in favor of slavery, and the first vote of the Legislature will be to ratify the Constitutional Amendment abolishing that institution. The proposition of Lee and Davis to arm the slaves, thereby consolidate and whether there is a desperate element, has made slavery odious to its former supporters, who generally declare they never would have made from in order to make soldiers.

It now appears that the rebel President is endeavoring to obtain peace through the State authorities of North Carolina. A general pardon and restoration of property by President Lincoln is the chief Davis receives for the abandonment of slavery. On these conditions he is willing to open with the North as a foreign war under the old flag.

The Raleigh *Standard* intimates that terms will be offered which both parties can accept with honor, which will bring them under cover, for a foreign war of conquest, assuming the joint interests both parties have received. Most of Sherman's men are in possession of a capured post.

Gen. Sherman came through from Goldsboro to Newbern, yesterday, in four hours, on his way to Fortress Monroe. When he comes back Governor Vance and Jeff. Davis will ascertain what kind of a peace we are to have.

Trains are running from Newbern to Goldsboro. Sherman's men, who consider him the greatest man in the world, say they intend to have the honor of taking Richmond themselves. Those never was an army so proud of their leader, and so happy and confident. Terry and Schofield's men claim they are also members of Sherman's crack army, and that the armies of Ingland and France would be powerless against them. The entire region of country through which the combined armies of Sherman, Terry and Schofield have passed is completely in their possession. Not a rebel is left in it. Not a rebel organized force is in Eastern North Carolina. The rebel cavalry, which was formerly here, has all gone to the Southwest.

The rebel army is now in a state of confusion for operations in the Southwest. The first division of Longstreet's corps, which left Richmond for Gen. Terry's, the 6th, by Gen. Upham, the 5th, by Gen. Pickett, the 4th, by Gen. Bushrod Johnson, at an expense almost incredible, and its operations are reported to be of the most extensive and important character.

FROM EUROPE.

The Pirate Shenandoah at Melbourne—Prussian Marine Fleet Five Epaulettes—Disagreement Between Prussia and Denmark—A French Recognition Scheme—The Mexican Question—Napoleon's Report on the Single Monarchy—Rebel Drafts in the Stockade Banking Houses.

PORTLAND, March 28.—The steamer Damascus from Liverpool, and Londonderry, on the 18th, has arrived this morning, with one day's later news.

The London Cotton Exchange, on the 17th, received by Mr. Seward's circular the following, on account of the Confederate loan, viz.: "Ten per cent. on allotments between North and South for a large sum proposed to be borrowed on cotton bills."

The rebel drafts Shenandoah had arrived at Melbourne, but she is thought to be too late to do much mischief, as there is scarcely an American ship in port.

Nationality's circular of the 16th, stating that the Prussian Marine Fleet, of five ironclads, consisting of one frigate, one corvette, one gunboat, one battery and one torpedo boat, is to be detached from the Baltic and sent to the Mediterranean, where it will be joined by the Prussian frigate Gefion, which is now at Malta, and will be joined by the Prussian corvette Vineta, which is now at Gibraltar

INDIANAPOLIS CORRESPONDENCE.

The "Situation" in Indianapolis—Its Authority—Its Policy after Fourteen—Morning Pledge Gun.

[Special Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.]

INDIANAPOLIS, March 25, 1865.

The city is dull and dusty. There seems to be a lull in all kinds of business. The streets are quietly worn for dancing to turn up. A fortnight ago everybody was alarmed about that terrible phrase—the "quoted rose." It was believed to be raging in Camp Carrington among the raw recruits. Next it had come down into the heart of the city. Rumors of some one being attacked who lived "in the next block" were prevalent in every street, and created a decided sensation. The disease at Camp Carrington proved to be measles and erysipelas, and the person in the next block was found to be afflicted with the hybrid fever or the small pox. Following close on the heels of the rumor came the intelligence that the parole guard in the rebel prison had been taken possession of by the Government authorities, and that a large and spacious hospital was to be erected thereon. The rainy murky weather only served to heighten all gloomy foreboding of pestilence and smarch. Still people began to ask why from such a dolly bomb, that the people began to murmur. Finally, Colonel John Coburn was dispatched to Washington to confer with the Indiana delegates for the purpose of so quiet an old Hoosier expression—the unpoetic and—good Coburn conquered. And the circumstances brought the good citizens and all was peaceable. Then came the terrible draft and startled out some 400 of our doughfoots included citizens as victims for the Southern Confederacy. "Ah! then there was bumping to and fro." And after days of anxiety, sleepless nights, and many consultations of every kind, the case was closed, and double No. 3 expounded. The last of the eleven regiments went northward on various lines of railroad on Sunday. Gov. Morton and Chaplain Carter sifted northward in behalf of the Sanitary Commission; receptions at the Bates House were over, and all was quiet again.

The rain fell faster and the mud grew deeper. But through the rain and under the mud went the fifth pioneers of the street railway, and up East Washington and Pennsylvania streets, still on towards Massachusetts avenue strolled the parole pals, and strolled glad times to the "outlying" and "suburbs." Higher rents went up street with the iron bars, and prices of real estate kept temperate. An invitation spell from miles away on Division street, cast off the dull outdoor, blossomed out in a cloth coat over the polychromic and polychromic stripes with the window blinds. Had waited so long for.

Some gentlemen, with an eye for will power, have so oily satin on a spring on the farm of Detroit, three miles from the city. A decidedly first class exhibition this "Pap" Harris is. And the next day, through the rain, which hadn't stopped yet, went a number of "skyscrapers" curious, armed with umbrellas and pick-axes to the Bold Mountain, to dig out to the aforesaid spring. They returned triumphant, with empty sacks, but with boots new dressed, with the dirt in fabricator. Others followed, and now a well is going down—and if that succeeds we shall announce to the 17th number of the Tribune a mass chaps with a few thousands, and swell out into a greasy and opulent metropolis.

The old business men are happy, but some of our conservative Senator's complain that it mean enough to ruffle our tempers. Five or six of them came over from that lively State, armed with pitchs and long knives, to force at Bosses, after some fugitive slaves. They had never heard about the repeal of the fugitive slave law, evidently, and they discovered the hope that the state gas of the "reign" had not been materially affected by the cruel war.

The most of them had dabbled a little into the guerilla business under Jessie, and put out the stamp, ten long ago, and were for peace and the Union as it is, and the constitution as it was. The negroes they were after were the wives and children of sturdy colored United soldiers. The stupid fellows, leasing to Mary Abe Lincoln, and confident that this was the sum of freedom, had generally abandoned their families, taken guns in their hands, and gone yours to take a pop at the chivalry. Quarterly claps were watched and finally enveigled in the night time, crestfallen and minus the nigger. The police were Abolitionists, sulky as ever, many eyes, on the villains. Their rights were denied them and they crossed over the river with a "Lorgy" that gave no guerilla's spirit to sweeten their tempers.

Executions is played out. The draft is going on and the rhythm now commence. Men are resigned and willing to resign the jobs they got. The war news is glorious, and the "Copperheads" are quiet. The "Knights" are fun, and that the assets won't pay a pound to the bushel.

DOT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF.

A Country—Mexican News—Texas Affairs—Miscellaneous.

[Special Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.]

NEW ORLEANS, March 21, 1865.

Humanity is progressing—humanity is retrograding. I am reminded of this double progression by the strange number of rebel prisoners and fugitives passing along here, guarded by colored soldiers. The former are a very dirty, illiterate lot of looking men, and no wonder, for they have been where they were poorly clothed and worse fed. Indeed, I might say their appearance was contemptible, and as rough and uncouth as Jeff Davis and his minions about Richmond are smooth and fair to look upon. The latter, colored troops were well fed, well clothed, were their polished shoes and their white gloves. Was not that a most striking illustration of the tables being turned? Consequence is unnecessary.

News from Mexico.

A correspondent at Matamoras writes thus to the Galveston Bulletin on Mexican affairs:

It is the general impression here that Curtin and Mejia are only awaiting a favorable moment to pronounce in favor of France and the liberal party, and with them the whole State of Tamaulipas. At the moment it is reported that Juarez will follow the pronouncements in favor of Juarez will be general, and meet with no opposition for the present.

The latest recognition story, published on the 15th inst., by the Mexican Gaceta, appears to be quite as effect on the Matamoras market. Many persons went to the Gaceta office to purchase at 12 cents, at which rates there were a few sales.

Another correspondent says:

Affairs in Mexico do not look promising for Maximilian. In central Mexico the liberal party has been forced back to within ten miles of Vera Cruz, the guerilla bands revolting all over the country. The disposition of Vera Cruz, where he has engaged with other officers, in case they survived the war, to make collections for the improvement of Mount Vernon." Williams had thereby commented operations under the ostensible sanction of a lady in New York (Miss Hamilton, the Vice Regent from that State). This Williams is probably an impostor, as he left Mobile, and it is generally thought he has no authority to prosecute the business in which he is engaged.

The Rebel Ram Stonewall.

The Navy Department has received the patches from Commodore Craven, of the United States steamer Niagara, dated February 26, detailing the measures which he had taken in reference to the rebel ram Olinda or Stonewall, which was lying in the harbor of Ferrol, Spain, closely watched by the Niagara and Sacramento. The captain of the Stonewall had gone to Paris. The Spanish government had refused to allow any fitting out of the vessel in the port, or any repairs more than were necessary to enable her to go to sea. It was given out that the ram leaked; but Commodore Craven says there is no indication of the fact to be seen, and he thinks that she is ready for service. The Niagara has left Ferrol, and gone to Corunna, which is opposite Ferrol, so as not to be obliged to remain in port twenty-four hours after the ram sails. He is on the alert, and if he comes out will not allow her to escape. He states that his intercourse with the Spanish authorities has been very cordial and friendly.

Emigration.

The exodus for 1865 from Ireland has commenced. Nearly two thousand passengers left Cork, Ireland, for this country, in the first twenty-two days of February. This emigration is unprecedented in this early month of the year. It is said that this vast emigration is self-willed, and not prepaid passage; parties who are leaving old homes and kindred, and, as they think, from a tyrannical government, coming to the land of liberty.

From Savannah.

We have file of the Savannah Republican to the 23d inst. They contain no local intelligence of importance. Quiet reigns in and about Savannah.

Mr. Garrison.

Mr. Garrison, in the Liberator of last week, says he has concluded to discontinue that journal at the close of the present year, which will complete the period of thirty-five years he has listlessly editor. He says he hopes to live to see the end of the struggle against slavery, and should terminate with the extinction. If any man in our times has contributed largely to bring about this good cause, it is Mr. Garrison. He has had the satisfaction of seeing that the tyranny intensity, and inequality of the rebellion can be compared with the modern tyrant of the slave.

Mr. Nesbitt.

Mr. Nesbitt is reported to have made the only to a prominent Chicagoan: "Suppose I grant your request? Is it worth A I can receive B, and if A and B have received all the alphabet from Adam, then what have I received? I have not to go through this laborious task, though, I respectfully refuse your requisition."

Dr. Gwin, Wm. Dr. Gwin, in Paris, speaks of his [illegible] now at hotel, the will definitely [illegible] a country the Southern States. It is "[illegible] the old style Democrat of a man of [illegible] Old Mr. Gwin, the Silver-tongue, only [illegible] Gwin, in Paris, [illegible]

THE LAW COURTS.

Proceedings in the United States Court—Decisions—Motions and Orders—Decisions in Bankruptcy and Assignee's Sales—The Legality of Modern Rebel Confiscations to be Reviewed.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT—Before Justices Drummond and Drummond.—The court convened at 10 o'clock on Wednesday. During the absence of the jury, the morning session will consist of the hearing of motions, and of a recess of half an hour, the court will reassemble, resuming in session so long as motions, also referable to the business on hand.

The title of the election suit of Forsyth vs. Kellogg et al. was continued, and the case given to Judge Drummond.

The case of United States vs. Isaac Cook. In this case, on the application of the Marshal, an order was issued for a commission until the [illegible]

Mr. Chancery, Sallsbury vs. Stewart et al. In this case a motion to strike out the answer was filed on the 8th inst.

Special Notices.

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Will you allow me space in your valuable journal to call attention to some of the properties of petroleum, which, I fear, may be put that are not now generally understood. In so doing I seem to begin the lame of this serving a selfish purpose. I trust you will tolerate it, as it is for the benefit of many.

And let me say first to the medical profession, that it is a ready quivet of the remedy for extensive Sabbatine. To a saturated solution and equal parts of Tannin and Phosphate of Lime, add "Wonderful Balsam." Let the patient apply to the volcanic battery, and in from twenty-six to thirty hours you will get every one of your patients up.

For a generally relaxed condition I know of nothing of equal value. Pork and gold [illegible] Sal. A short prize during Sherman's march. [illegible] form of lozenges and carried in the pocket.

As a sure preventative against [illegible] I find much better than asafetida. One teaspoonful, in a glass of current wine, before bed, will generally be found sufficient. Should it occasion nausea, a few drops of salicon may be made of it to the arm pit and side of the feet, rubbing it in well. Or a flannel saturated with it may be worn about the body, over the region of the diaphragm.

As a cruciniform, I am prepared to say it is the remedy par excellence. With half the weight of *oxide of iron regior*, and three or four applications per day, its results will be found astonishing. The iodide can be obtained of nearly all druggists, in bottles, up in double papers, with colored tops, at sixty cents a scruple. I am informed that an article in bulgy is to be put up in [illegible] and white twine at eighty-seven and a half cents a scruple. This may answer in some cases, but after this notice I shall not consider myself responsible for its four scruples will last a family of six persons with no bad effects (when used surreptitiously) a week, and it should be in every household. As a proof of its virtue, I will state that one application brought out the hair on my bald pate (which I had used for the space of three years. After two applications, Mrs. Eugenia Sockschuffner, at the corner of Congress avenue and Mulberry street, had two crops of curls, front, and back, and a switch and a tourfall for sale.

Back to another "paper," with your permission, I will extend the list of its uses. My object now is to caution the public against impure petroleum that is being large ly offered on the market. Only the product of the St. Paul well, (notice of which will be found in most of the religious journals) can be relied upon, and, what is more remarkable, its stock is better than the oil. This well is at a sufficient elevation to carry the oil by force pump to any American market. Negotiations are also pending, which, it is hoped, will result in laying a pipe in connection with the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph, by which it can be carried directly to an English market, saving freight and duties. *These Bonds* are equal to a dividend of 90 per cent on the capital stock. D. D. ANODYNE.

St. Clair County—Petroleum and Other Matters.

[Correspondence Chicago Tribune.]

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Perhaps a few notes, written by the way side, may not be uninteresting to your readers. This is a fine old county, German Republican, loyal and full of patriotic energy. Under the lead of St. Clair has more than filled her quota. The 149th Regiment is almost entirely made up of her sons.

PETROLEUM.

Having a decent respect for the opinion of mankind, and not to be behind the age, we have commenced speculating about petroleum, and it is very likely we will soon be speculating in it. Mr. James F. Spear, of Springfield, Illinois, who has been prospecting in various parts of the State, has become so well satisfied of the presence of oil in this county, that he has secured the oil privilege in more than three thousand acres, and in connection with a Philadelphia company, will commence boring early next month.

The oil region seems to be in the vicinity of Georgetown. Several years ago, Robert Higgins, esq., an old citizen of this county, informs us that in digging a well on his farm petroleum was found, but at the time he gave it but little attention.

Less than a year ago, Mr. Weaver, of Georgetown, sank a shaft for coal near that place. At the depth of one hundred and twenty feet, which strongsmen said steam was found; a smell of coal oil was perceived, the drill became hazy, and after drilling a little deeper, several barrels of water and oil shaded out. Not for this, this shaft oil issues from a hill side and this dark colored sand stone is found on the surface. This stone bears such a brilliant polish. Taking in the facts, we may safely indulge in the hope that St. Clair will do her part for with milk and honey flowing in her fertile valleys, which if it is not so pleasant to the stomach, produces a delightful sensation in the pocket.

S. M. DWEN.

The friends of this young and gifted man have been shocked by the intelligence that he was murdered in Denver, Colorado. He was formerly a citizen of this county, and received a classical education at McKendree College, in which institution he was a great mate. At the time of his death he was superintendent of a mining company, and was in debt murdered for valuables which he had in his possession. [illegible]

CRIMINAL COURT AND SHERIFF'S SALE.

The spring session of the Circuit Court opened Monday, Judge Joseph Gillespie on the bench. We notice that Dorsey Bowman has disappeared at our bar. Judge Underwood and Snyder, Col. Niles and others of the old school are present. Our Sheriff is one of the best sheriffs we have had in Belleville for a long time and expense. All kinds of blanks of [illegible] and of a private nature [illegible]

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Dr. James,

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THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1865.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

A Plan for Paying off our National Debt.

Gardenia, Ill., March 26, 1865.

Editors Tribune:

As several plans of paying our public debt have been suggested, I submit the following, which if not by you deemed visionary, please insert in your paper. It is in brief for every man to give his national income for a month to the government.

If the entire debt of the United States could be paid at once, the effect would be reduced at least seventy-five per cent. It then is a fact too self-evident to need argument, that it would be the pecuniary interest of every man, to pay the total of one month's toll to the government as he would more than save the amount in the reduction in the measure of taxation.

The total male population over twenty years of age, is not 5. Four eight millions. I have divided these into eight classes. The first class at $1 per month, or twelve years, I have put their monthly income at $20; this would yield twenty millions; the second class at $2 would yield forty millions; the third class at $3, would yield seventy-five millions; the fourth class at $100 would yield one hundred millions; the fifth class at $200 would yield two hundred millions; the sixth class at $500 would yield five hundred millions; the seventh class at $1000 would yield seven hundred millions; the eighth class at $2000 would yield two billions forty-five millions, considerable more than the public debt.

The average I have made I think not excessive. In order to make the thing practical, I would make a general election, and let every man vote for a number in the aggregate and each man to abide by the decision of the men vote. If men vote for the plan, let him come forward at the appointed time and give the amount. Let a list of the voters be kept and published. It would be interesting reading in the future. If a man refuses to give a full vote, I would have the polls open three days and have it understood that every man not voting is presumed to be in favor of the plan, and will be ready to pay his share.

Let every male over sixteen years of age, and every female whose monthly income is $25.00 or more, vote.

Aside from its other pecuniary advantages to the giver, I would make it an interesting and profitable amusement; by taking the Government give a land warrant to each and every donor. We have an immense territory with countless acres of land. Take west of us, which the Government could well spare, to give away to every one giving $20. I would hire the Government land than a less acre warrant, with the privilege of selling to it (at the market value) should they at any time wish to emigrate to the land. To those giving $50 I would give a forty acre warrant, a twenty-five acre warrant, and so on, an acre of land for every $2 given.

Pardon me if in the above I have appealed only to the meaner attributes of our nature. What a welcome spectacle it would present to the Old World, a people coming forward voluntarily and paying their governmental debt, and yet it would be only another example of the deep, young giant, rousing from sleep for their free institutions! That some such plan will be adopted, I have no doubt.

A plan has been proposed that the wealthy men of the country give $10,000 apiece, would not discourage that—let them go ahead—but when they have done all they can, let this or some similar plan be adopted in order to give the poor man an opportunity of contributing his mite to this great undertaking, and so soon as possible commence to do this way, and I am equally sure a great many dollar-heads would be shamed into doing their duty. With our present enormous interest and the horde of tax gatherers and collectors, by the time our debt is paid (in the old way) we will pay about thirty times the amount of the original debt, and three times the amount it would require if all paid at once. H. F. F.

The Use of Petroleum.

A wagerish correspondent sends us the following capital *brochure* on the uses of petroleum:

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EXECUTION OF KENNEDY.

Extraordinary Conduct of the Culprit—He Dies Singing a Song—Scenes at the Scaffold—The Bounty Jumpers Made to Witness the Execution.

THE CULPRIT LEAVES A WRITTEN CONFESSION OF HIS GUILT.

[From the N. Y. Times, March 27.]

The execution of Robert Cobb Kennedy, the last of the Indiana incendiary, who was convicted before a military commission at Fort Wright, took place yesterday at Fort Lafayette, in the presence of several hundred spectators. The culprit exhibited a bitterness of bravado and fear during the ordeal, and at intervals acted in a very whimsical manner. Most people thought he would be pinioned, but those who knew him best attributed his conduct to nervous intensity, and maintained that he was perfectly sane in his fiendishness.

BIOGRAPHY OF THE CULPRIT.

Kennedy was a native of Georgia, but was brought up in Louisiana. He entered the Military Academy at West Point, but left it two years after such, and returning to his home in Louisiana, led the life of a planter. He was among the first to enter the rebel service when the rebellion broke out. He was one of the chief conspirators in the attempt to fire the city last fall, and was detected in trying to burn Barnum's Museum at an hour when the destruction would have involved the loss of large number of lives. The incendiary's guilt is conceded, in order to avoid arrest, and his surrender in Detroit and capture there by the detectives, are the talk in the Canadian papers. Readers to need recapitulation. Suffice it to say that he was brought to this city, dried between a military escort, and lodged in Tombs to the festering by order of Maj. Gen. Dix, commander of the Department of the East. In person the prisoner is about five feet eight or nine inches high, light hair, light brown eyes, and hair and whiskers of the auburn color. He was usually attired in a suit of gray cloth, his general air was that of an educated and well bred person.

THE MORNING OF THE EXECUTION.

Kennedy rose from his bed about seven o'clock, apparently but little refreshed, by his sleep. The chaplain was early in attendance and unremitting in his efforts to comfort the culprit, who was by no means resigned to his fate. The prayers for condemned prisoners, according to the service of the Protestant Episcopal Church, were read by the clergyman, and every effort was made to minister to the wants of the unhappy man.

THE PREPARATIONS.

For the execution commenced about eleven o'clock, when the prisoner was handed over by Colonel Burke and Marshal Murray. The scaffold—the one on which Beall was hanged—was erected in the yard, and the 26th U. S. battalion of the Regular United States infantry formed a square, and kept out all but those who were specially invited to be present near the scaffold, as there was much jostling and confusion which inevitably happened on occasions of this kind.

THE BOUNTY JUMPERS AND PARTIES,

to the number of 150, were compelled to witness the execution, and it is to be hoped that the fate of Kennedy will serve as a warning to more than one of the gang, who, if miserable looking set of rascals never were collected together perhaps.

SCENE IN THE CONDEMNED CELL.

About 9 o'clock Col. Burke, Marshal Murray, Brig. Gen. Beale and Capt. Wilson, followed by the executioner, visited the cell of the condemned man. The door was opened to the culprit for the scaffold. Upon entering the cell the party were met by the Rev. Mr. Burke, the chaplain of Fort Hamilton, who had been closeted with the prisoner since moon. Kennedy was sitting at a table, as if he was engaged in writing, and did not seem to be aware of the presence of his visitors until they clustered around the very table.

Marshal Murray, who headed the party, advanced to the prisoner and, saying the fatal hour had arrived, and it was necessary for the culprit to prepare himself for the scaffold.

"Have you come for me?" inquired the executioner, who had stepped forward and touched him on the shoulder.

Kennedy was quite disconcerted at the abruptness of the inquiry, and, looking at the executioner with curiosity, replied, "Who are you? I don't know you."

General Beale, who was conversing with the clergyman at the time, promptly replied to the prisoner, and told him to submit to his fate like a man.

"I am prepared for the thing," replied the prisoner, and holding out his arms motioned the executioner to come forward and bind him.

The executioner quickly pinioned the arms of the prisoner, during which operation Kennedy showed violent trepidation and cried out, "Don't hurt me, for God's sake!" Being pinioned, the prisoner was led out of his cell, and here, the fatal wish anything but good grace.

TAKING LEAVE OF HIS FRIENDS.

The first person who took leave of the condemned was a representative of the press who had visited him on several occasions and acted as a friend to the unhappy man.

"Good by, old fellow" said Kennedy; "I do not judge for that publication of yours."

Capt. Wilson then shook hands with him, when Kennedy stepped forward and spoke bitterly, but Gen. Beale soothed him by telling him to die like a man.

"I am ready to die," he demanded Yankee to lead me in this way," remonstrated the prisoner. "I have been a regular soldier, and have always behaved like a gentleman." Gen. Beale, for a handcuffed, he replied, his readiness to proceed to the scaffold.

At this juncture the executioner stepped forward to place the black cap on the culprit's head, when Kennedy drew back in horror, and inquired if it was necessary to wear the cap before arriving at the scaffold.

Marshal Murray assured him that it was, when Kennedy pulled himself into the hands of the executioner, and quietly allowed himself to be arrayed for the forthcoming ceremony. Accordingly the cap was formed, when, as the *cortege* was about to move, Kennedy turned around, and, addressing Gen. Beale, said "Good bye, old fellow." Gen. Beale, who was a little cowardly man, turned away, relapsing into silence, and motioned the Marshal to proceed.

THE SONG AT THE GALLOWS.

The procession started from the condemned cell about five minutes to eight o'clock, and marched to the scaffold in the following order:

Lieutenant Black, Officer of the Day.
Chaplain and the Culprit.
Colonel Burke and Marshal Murray.
Marshal Murray and Deputy.
Representatives of the Press.

The culprit stepped nonchalantly as he wended his way to the scaffold, and showed visible signs of nervousness. The rope was then adjusted, and the cap drawn over the head, and throw it upon the ground with a feeling of perfect contempt for all around him. To a person unacquainted with Kennedy's manner, one would suppose that he was intoxicated, but the officers assured our reporter that it was his usual appearance, and that ever since his incarceration he manifested the same eccentric disposition.

During the reading of the order the culprit manifested some uneasiness, by stamping his foot and turning towards the officer, as if to interrupt him, but he restrained his feelings long enough to hear the sentence, and reserved what he had to say until the reading of the order was gone through with. He then motioned to Col. Burke to approach, as if he had something to say; but the chaplain seeing that the latter hesitated to advance, offered a fervent prayer for the benefit of the culprit, and for the time the conversation was interrupted.

AN INCIDENT.

The prisoner did not appear to be much disgusted with the clergyman's efforts, notwithstanding it was full of feeling, and calculated to inspire the most hardened character with feelings of religion. During the prayer an incident occurred which could not fail to leave a lasting impression on all who witnessed it. Kennedy was standing under the beam to which was dangling the fatal rope, apparently quite absorbed, when too, now, is swaying back and forward with the cold, chilly blast on the shoulder. He immediately turned around, supposing that some one had touched him to attract his attention, when his eyes were fixed on the rope. A cloud of terror succeeded his attention, and the expression of terror depicted on the man's countenance he shrunk from the cord shovel how complete war the realization.

KENNEDY'S LAST SERMON.

The clergyman having concluded his prayer, he took the prisoner, by the hands, and he shook hands for the last time. As a Christian, but Kennedy seemed to pay little attention to the words of the minister, for hardly had the clergyman at the time, mentally engaged in turned to Gen. Burke and asked him if he could not have a drink before he died. Col. Burke turned from the request, and, shaking his shoulder, his head, as if there should be no further delay to the execution.

Kennedy, finding that his request was taken in vain, addressed the crowd as follows: "Let me make a statement here. I consider this a judicial and cowardly murder. The government of the United States had no legal to condemn me."

HE SINGS A SONG.

He then turned, shook Gen. Beale warmly by the hand, and shook hands with the gentleman who had drawn over his head. The hangman then proceeded to adjust the rope, when the unfortunate man, on his knees, exclaimed, as if to leave way to the hangman, and in a plaintive voice commenced to sing—

"Trust in God, trust in God,
Trust in God in the day of trouble,
For your heart will be easy
If you do the right thing."

The spectators had scarcely recovered from the shock produced by the singing of the above lines, when Lieut. Samuel K. Black gave the signal to the executioner, who, with a swing, the culprit was dangling in the air. Twice the culprit was drawn up to the cross-beam, and, in twenty minutes thereafter, the body of the culprit was lowered, and placed in a rude coffin, and conveyed to the soldiers' burying ground, on Fort Hamilton.

Dr. Rendell, the post surgeon, who was in attendance, pronounced the death of the culprit to be instantaneous. The neck of the prisoner having been broken, he died quietly but little, and appeared to be quite dead after the first or second minute. It was the opinion of the surgeon that the sensation that he should remain hanging for twenty minutes, and there he remained, a fearful warning to all who witnessed the execution.

GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS.

After my return with Gen. Dix's [illegible]

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SOUTHERN NEWS.

The Burning of Columbia—How the Rebels View It.

THE DESOLATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

[From the Richmond Sentinel, March 27.]

Gen. Sherman has accomplished his purpose of making South Carolina a waste. His march from Savannah to Branchville, and thence to Columbia, Winnsboro and Cheraw, was marked, through a wide belt of country, by fire and rapine. The beautiful city of Columbia no longer exists. It is a mass of charred ruins. Hecombum buried in ashes. A few standing buildings remain here and there to disclose where the city once stood. The State House was burned to the ground, and the flames spread up the main street, extending for more than a mile, and for the most part closely built up, but not one small building remains. The Court House, with its records, has disappeared; the town hall and market, the banks and four churches are gone. Of the squares east of the main street, none are entirely destroyed—others only in part. Eighty-four houses in the city were burned, and Columbia is Palmyra in the desert.

All provisions were seized, sold or destroyed; the stores were broken open, pillaged and then burned. What the soldiers could not carry off was given to the negroes. They felt with the bayonets diligently in the earth for hidden treasure, and many valuable horses and mules were carried off and the carriages destroyed. Soldiers entered every house in search of silver and jewelry, and took from the women their rings. Gen. Sherman seemed anxious of the immortality which circles with a halo of honor, the names of Attila and Tilly, the Turkos, and the Russian Haynau, in Poland. He has added to the collection of being classed among the monsters of the human race.

Some officers were polite and expressed sympathy, they protested that the outrage rather in spite of themselves, it was beyond the original purpose, and was the act of drunken soldiers. The evidence, however, states that this is false, premeditated, and that the officers had enough given up to let such a thing. When the work was done, and the flames had spread beyond control, the officers sounded the bugle, and the army marched out of the city, leaving the inhabitants to the mercy of the conflagration.

Chicago Tribune.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1865.

THE CITY.

BOMBS AND BACK LOT.—A span of horses and cart, which were left hitched in front of the Stock Exchange yesterday morning, by their owner, taken and driven or strayed away, and have not since been heard from.

BARE CHANCE.—Col. Wood offers a big price for the man who will make money on pork, this season. Also for the wheel-barrow and the boy who held it.

ARTEMUS VICTOR.—A man, whose name we could not learn, was "beat" out of $180 on Wednesday, by a confidence shaver. The scheme of the sculpin was the Church Mission, and that of stamping ground of confidence operators.

BRIGHT WEAPONS.—Another detachment of cutlery exhibited from among the Confederate prisoners at Camp Douglas, left the city on Wednesday, on the Illinois Central, the Boston not touched by Allan Incorrigible.

MUSICAL.—A musical entertainment will be given at the Methodist Episcopal Church, corner of Park avenue and Robey street, this Thursday evening at half past seven o'clock. Any First Ward can and others. Tickets twenty-five cents. The proceeds will be applied to procure a vestibule for the Sabbath School.

POCKET PICKING.—On Tuesday evening a lady from Detroit, while walking along Lake street from the Michigan Central depot, had her pocket picked of a purse containing $60 in currency. The lady lives on Lake street, near Michigan avenue. The thief was a young man of gentlemanly address, who stepped out near the corner of State street, and drove the vehicle to some street on the North side.

DECEASED.—We regret to learn of the death of T. C. Smith, Esq., of the firm of Geo. C. Smith & Co., Washington street, which occurred on Mr. Smith was a man universally esteemed both in social and business relations, and his decease will create a void in many circles. The funeral will take place from St. John's Church, Union Park, this afternoon at 1 o'clock.

DOG FIGHT.—Yesterday morning one of this city celebrated dogs occurred on the grounds beyond Camp Douglas, in the presence of from forty to fifty roughs. The battle was not a very scientific one, neither canine combatant being "game" enough for the fancy, and as a consequence the fancy were not satisfied, preferring to see the dog-fancy manifest nature, growing out of the cowardly dog "drawn back," etc.

BAD REFUGEE.—Thomas H. Duffy was recently examined upon the charge of assault on officer Tyrrell with intent to kill, and held to bail in the sum of $2,000. On Tuesday he caused Sergeant Bell, officer Justice Bradley, and others to be arrested on a charge of assault, and offering to bail himself out, and upon the refusal of his bail was released. After consulting with his counsel, Mr. Wagner, the attending physician, the case was referred to Mr. Bradley.

SOLDIERS' RAIL BENEFIT.—The ladies connected with the Sixth Presbyterian Church, gave a social party at their church on Tuesday evening. There was a large number of ladies and gentlemen present, and a pleasant evening of a very pleasant character was spent. The proceeds, which are to go to all who participated, are intended for the benefit of the Soldiers' Home, and are literally patriotic. The ladies have raised the sum of $60, which has been paid over to the Soldiers' Home, and they resolved yesterday morning in accordance with the facts.

THE $5,000 REWARD.—A few days ago we noted the circumstance of a clerk of C. G. Wicker who professed to have been robbed of $5,000 on Dearborn street. His story was so fully supported, and several suspicious circumstances which have recently come to light, but Mr. Wicker or his clerk left the city before we could get the story in his own up. Detectives were put upon his track, and his actions were watched, and he was finally arrested. He was brought up for examination before Justice Miller, but owing to the absence of important witnesses the case was postponed to Friday, but bailed fixed at $5,000.

PIRATE LOCKS AMONG THEY GOODS.—Chicago merchants are having a "big run" of trade this week, showing that they have met the views of the trade, which has been very considerable, generally. We notice that the old house of John V. Farwell & Co. are receiving a nice line of dry goods, and Dunham's hat and cap emporium, their handsome salesrooms are crowded with purchasers, who seem to be of the opinion, also, that most the ole which shall lead on to fortune.

Chicago merchants are doing all that men can do to satisfy the trade, and we hope that their interests lie in buying their goods here.

BE-ARRESTED.—Some time during last month Farrel, a notorious confidence man and thief, was caught in one of his operations, arrested, held to answer in the sum of $500, and let loose upon a bond, subsequently forfeited. Jack, said was Farrell's security, was followed to Kansas, where he was now confined in the Recorder's Court against a recent charge of horse stealing. The President, T. A. Bryan, Esq., occupied the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Judge J. B. Bradwell moved that Mr. C. B. Wagner be elected Chairman of the Committee on "Friends of Progress." Carried.

The Chairman reported the receipt of one dozen corn shellers from Thomas Kennedy, of Cincinnati, for which he was thanked.

Mr. Bradwell, from the committee on the Fair, reported the report of the plan agreed upon at a joint meeting of the Executive Committee and Building Committee, to enlarge the Hall, which will be placed at twelve per cent, and that they have had good reason to expect the credit being given them, to the organization, and that the articles may be sent.

We may say in this connection that Rev. Dr. Eddy informs us that we misapprehended the report of his remarks in our report of last Tuesday's meeting. He did not assert a belief in the sectarian character of the Sanitary Commission, but, on the contrary, he said that, in the belief that it had been determined upon by the management of the Fair, he had felt that the denominations should have fair chance and the privilege of working under their best. In other words, that denominations should be given the opportunity to operate upon their own ground, and have proper credit, and thus secure the benefit of their own prosperity, through the individual contributions.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

An adjourned meeting of the Chairmen and Advisory Committee of the Fair, representing the various denominations to aid in the preparation of the Fair, was called to order on Wednesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, on Wednesday forenoon, Mr. E. K. Wheeler in the chair.

Several plans for the denominational department were presented and discussed at great length, by Mr. Hoge, Judge Bradwell, Mr. Humphrey, and others, when Mr. Hoge, Mr. Humphrey, and Judge Bradwell, Mr. Hoge, Mr. Humphrey, and Mr. Hoge, Mr. Humphrey, and Mr. Hoge, Mr. Humphrey, and